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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gilles PITIOT et al.

Title: Odorant-Binding Human Proteins Fixing Hydrophobic Ligands:
Polypeptides and Polynucleotides Coding for said polypeptides and
Uses Thereof

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APPROVED
William R. Dixon, Jr.
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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEY OF RECORD UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.36

WILLIAM R. DIXON, JR.
SPECIAL PROGRAM EXAMINER

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the undersigned attorney requests withdrawal as attorney of record in the above-indicated application. We respectfully request that the Commissioner allow this withdrawal as the named representative of the owner of record/applicant, GILLES PITIOT, with respect to the captioned application for the following reasons:

Under 37 C.F.R. §10.40(vi), the applicant has failed to enter into an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services. The applicant is a French foreign national who formally was represented by the petitioner due to the petitioner's relationship with the French patent firm, Cabinet Regimbeau. On August 9, 2005, Cabinet Regimbeau informed the petitioner that the applicant, Gilles Pitiot, had assumed responsibility of the captioned application. On October 5, 2005, the petitioner contacted Mr. Pitiot via courier and e-mail and informed Mr. Pitiot that an upfront retainer fee was required before the petitioner would represent Mr. Pitiot. On October 6, 2005, Mr. Pitiot replied via e-mail that he had received petitioner's letter and would provide an answer.

As of November 14, 2005, Mr. Pitiot has not responded to petitioner's letter or provided petitioner with a retainer fee. The petitioner and Mr. Pitiot do not have an engagement agreement. Therefore, the applicant, Mr. Pitiot, has failed to enter into an agreement for representation with the petitioner.

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withdraw as Attorney of Record.

The undersigned is signing this withdrawal form on behalf of himself and all the aforementioned attorneys.

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Respectfully submitted,

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